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SUBJECT: DR. JOANNA SIMIAO PLANS CALL FOR UNIFIED

ALTERNATIVE TO FRELIMO AND FOR UN/OAU-SUPERVISED REFERENDUM
IN MOZAMBIQUE.

REF: LISBON 2389 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY. DR. JOANNA SIMIAO CALLED AT EMBASSY TO STATE THAT
DISSIDENTS OF GUMO (INCLUDING HERSELF) AND ANC OF MOZAMBIQUE
PLAN TO SEND DELEGATION TO BLANTYRE TO MEET PAUL GUMANE
OF COREMO AND TO INVITE HIM AND ALL OTHER LIBERATION
GROUPS TO JOIN IN NEWLY-FORMED COMMON FRONT FOR MOZAMBIQUE
(FRECOMO, PHONETIC). SIMIAO PLANS SEND TELEGRAM TO UN
SECRETARY GENERAL ANNOUNCING FORMATION NEW FRONT AND
CALLING ON UN AND OAU SECRETARY GENERAL TO SUPERVISE
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REFERDUM IN MOZAMBIQUE. SHE ALSO PLANS SEND DELEGATION

TO SAUDI ARABIA TO SEEK FINANCIAL AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT.
END SUMMARY.

1. DR. JOANNA SIMIAO CALLED AT EMBASSY MBABANE AT HER INITIATIVE JUNE 25. DR. SIMIAO STATED DISSIDENTS OF GUMO (INCLUDING HERSELF) WERE JOINING WITH ANC OF MOZAMBIQUE LED BY FNU MOSHANE (PHONETIC) TO FORM NEW ORGANIZATION CALLED COMMON FRONT FOR MOZAMBIQUE (FRECOMO). SIMIAO SAID SHE PLANNED SEND TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT BANDA IN MALAWI REQUESTING MALAWI AGREE RECEIVE DELEGATION BLANTYRE TO MEET WITH PAUL GUMANE OF COREMO WHO, ACCORDING SIMIAO, NOW THERE. (FYI; HE BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT SWAZILAND JUNE 23. END FYI.)

2. SIMIAO STATED SHE MEETING WITH KING SOBHUZA AFTERNOON JUNE 25. SHE AFFIRMED SWAZI SUPPORT CERTAIN AND SAID SHE HAD TENTATIVE PLANS ESTABLISH TWO LOCI ONE BLANTYRE ONE SWAZILAND FOR UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION.

3. SIMIAO HOPES ENLIST COREMO SUPPORT FOR FRECOMO AS WELL AS SUPPORT OF ALL MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION GROUPS EXCEPT FRELIMO, DEMOCRATAS, AND FICO. SIMIAO STATED SHE BELIEVED IT WAS IMPORTANT TO MOVE FAST TO ESTABLISH VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO FRELIMO WHICH ACCEPTED PRINCIPLE OF REFERENDUM AND WITH WHICH PORTUGUESE COULD NEGOTIATE. SIMIAO STATED SHE PLANNED SEND TELEGRAM TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL RE REFERENDUM IN MOZAMBIQUE SAYING FRECOMO ACCEPTED REFERENDUM OFFERED BY PORTUGUESE BUT STIPULATED FOUR CONDITIONS:

(A) ONE MAN, ONE VOTE.

(B) PORTUGAL MUST CHANGE PRESENTLY EXISTING DISTRICT/ PROVINCE CHIEFS.

(C) COMMISSION MUST BE APPOINTED TO REGULATE PRESS IN MOZAMBIQUE AND ALLOW FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION BY VARIOUS PARTIES. SIMIAO ALLEGES PRESS AT LEAST PRESENTLY UNDER CONTROL OF DEMOCRATAS. (SHE SAYS RADIO LM CONTROLLED BY FRELIMO BUT RADIO IN NORTH ACCESSIBLE TO HER GROUP.)

(D) REFERENDUM MUST BE UNDER UN/OAU SECRETARY GENERAL SUPERVISION. (SHE DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN "MODERATE" SEC GEN
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AND ORGANIZATION AS A WHOLE.)

4. SIMIAO PLANS SEND DELEGATION TO SAUDI ARABIAN KING FAISAL TO ELICIT FINANCIAL AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT. SIMIAO CLAIMS SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF MOSLEMS IN MOZAMBIQUE NOW SUPPORT HER AND THAT MAJORITY OF HER "CENTRAL COMMITTEE" ARE MOSLEM. SIMIAO STATED INTENTION CALL AT AMERICAN EMBASSY SAUDI ARABIA.

5. SIMIAO SAID SHE PLANS OVERNIGHT JUNE 25 IN LOURENCO MARQUES AND THEN FLY TO NAMPULA WHERE WHE WILL STRIVE TO LOBBY SUPPORT FOR ALL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO JOIN HER CALL FOR UNITY UNDER FRECOMO. SIMIAO CLAIMED PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES PROVIDE HER MILITARY BODYGUARD WHEN SHE IN MOZAMBIQUE. SHE INDICATED SHE MAY GO TO BLANTYRE HERSELF IF DELEGATION IS ACCEPTED AND ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE "VERY NICE" IF GUMANE WOULD ACCEPT PRESIDENCY OF NEWLY FORMED FRECOMO. SHE EXPRESSED HOPES THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU WOULD MEET WITH HER AND BE N SYMPATHETIC. SHE EXPRESSED PUZZLEMENT ABOUT ZAMBIAN ACTIONS VIS-A-VIS COREMO IN VIEW KAUNDA'S "UNDERSTANDING." SHE CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GATSHA BUTHELEZI WHO " THINKS THE SAME" AS SHE DOES.

6. SHE REQUESTED ABOVE INFORMATION BE PASSED POST EMBASSY LISBON.

7. COMMENT: WHILE EMBASSY MBABANE UNABLE ASSESS STRENGTH OF SIMIAO SUPPORT IN MOZAMBIQUE OR LIKELIHOOD SUCCESS HER CALL FOR UNITY UNDER FRECOMO, IT CLEAR SHE HAS READY ACCESS TO SWAZI KING AND PROBABLY HAS RECEIVED ENCOURAGEMENT FROM HIM. IT IS LESS LIKELY THAT KING OR GOS SUPPORTS HER GROUP EXCLUSIVELY AT THIS STAGE, AS SHE IMPLIES. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT SWAZIS WILL PERMIT ANTI-FRELIMO HEADQUARTERS BE OPENLY ESTABLISHED IN KINGDOM.
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